



ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of Brome Village held in person on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at which were present Councillors Pat Panasuk, Lisa Belanger, Larry Royea, Wesley Patch and Michael Allnutt. All members of the said council forming a quorum under the chairmanship of Mayor William Miller in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code.

Councillor Christopher Whitehead was absent.

The Director General and Clerk-Treasurer Gail Côté was present.

The citizens can attend the meeting and ask questions.

There were 7 people in the audience

## AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
  2. Adoption of the agenda.
  3. Approval and adoption of the minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting
  4. Business arising from the last minutes
    - 4.1
  5. Municipal and road inspector's report :
    - 5.1 On permits
    - 5.2 On Road Conditions
  6. First Question Period
  7. Officers' Reports
  8. General Administration
- Correspondence
- 8.1 Email from a resident on Mullarkey Road expressing their appreciation for the work that was done on the road
  - 8.2 Email from a resident on Morin Hill Road expressing their appreciation for the work that was done on the road
  - 8.3 Note of thanks from a resident expressing their appreciation of community spirit and the success of the BBQ
- Administration
- 8.4 Resolution in support of maintaining four (4) year kindergarten at Sutton School
  - 8.5 Adoption – No parking – Brome Fair
  - 8.6 Authorization – Installation of road signs – Brome Fair 2023
  - 8.7 Authorization – Brome Fair 2023 By-Law number 145-12
  - 8.8 Authorization – Signature intermunicipal agreement recreation services Cowansville
  - 8.9 Contract with Enviro Connexions – Processing of recyclable materials
  - 8.10 Public consultation
  - 8.11 Adoption of By-law 216-23 concerning the demolition of properties
9. Financial Administration
    - 9.1 Accounts payable
    - 9.2 Accounts paid
  10. Other business:
    - 10.1
  11. Second question period
  12. Adjournment of the meeting

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**1**  
**OPENING OF THE MEETING**  
**Resolution 2023-234**

The members present at the opening of the meeting form a quorum, the meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7 p.m.

The mayor addresses those present.

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**2**  
**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**  
**Resolution 2023-235**

Moved by Larry Royea  
Seconded by Wesley Patch  
AND RESOLVED THAT:

The agenda be and is hereby approved.

ADOPTED unanimously

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**3**  
**APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2023 MEETING**  
**Resolution 2023-236**

Moved by Pat Panasuk  
Seconded by Lisa Belanger  
AND RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting be and are hereby approved with the following amendments;

Point 6 - Officers report - additional comments to be added.  
Point 10 – Second question period - additional comments to be added.

ADOPTED unanimously

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**4**  
**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES**

4.1 The post for the gate to the park entrance has been replaced.

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**5**  
**MUNICIPAL AND ROAD INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

5.1 Permits issued

- Three (3) permits were issued in July 2023 for a total value of \$2 800 and revenues of \$115

5.2 Public works report

- The resurfacing on Morin Hill has been completed.

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**6**  
**FIRST QUESTION PERIOD**

1. What are we doing on Jackson Road

**ANSWER** (mayor Miller's response): We are doing partial reconstruction to the road.

2. What is happening with 322 Stagecoach

**ANSWER** (mayor Miller's response): The court judgement allows them to stay there until September 30, 2023.

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**7**  
**OFFICIERS REPORT**

1. The BBQ was very nice and thanks to Lisa and the committee. Approximately sixty (60) people attended.

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**8**  
**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8.1 Email from a resident on Mullarkey Road expressing their appreciation for the work that was done on the road.
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- 8.3 Note of thanks from a resident expressing their appreciation of community spirit and the success of the BBQ.

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**ADMINISTRATION**

**8.4**  
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING FOUR (4) YEAR KINDERGARTEN AT**  
**SUTTON SCHOOL**  
**Resolution 2023-237**

CONSIDERING that 4-year-old kindergarten, created by the Government of Quebec, aims to foster the overall development of all children and support them in their first steps in the school environment;

CONSIDERING that, without being compulsory, all children are eligible for full-time 4-year-old kindergarten;

CONSIDERING that Sutton School has been offering 4-year-old kindergarten for the past two years and that appropriate investments have been made to ensure, for example, that the classroom is physically adapted to the needs of all children and that the necessary staff is in place;

CONSIDERING that the Centre de services scolaires du Val-des-Cerfs (CSSVDC) announced its decision on June 1, 2023 to no longer offer 4-year-old kindergarten services at Sutton School as of the 2023-2024 school year;

CONSIDERING that a regular meeting of the Governing Board of École de Sutton School was held on June 6, 2023, during which members of the Governing Board and Town Council, as well as parents of the children and members of the community, expressed their disagreement with the CSSVDC's decision to close the 4-year-old kindergarten class as well as with several other decisions including the 2023-2024 school organization for cycle 1 and cycle 3 that will have a negative impact on the quality of educational services at École de Sutton School;

CONSIDERING that the Mayor of Sutton had supported the maintenance of the 4-year kindergarten service in a letter dated May 23, 2023, which letter was sent to the Director General of the CSSVDC and which mentions several reasons for the maintenance of the 4-year kindergarten at Sutton School, notably:

- The School meets all the conditions for maintaining this service, namely; the number of registrations already received for the 2023-2024 school year, the availability of appropriate premises and educational materials, a teacher in place and qualified support staff;
- The inclusive nature of the service, which welcomes English-speaking children and encourages them to learn French in a fun, facilitating environment;
- The 13.4% increase in Sutton's population between 2016 and 2021, according to the latest Statistics Canada census;
- That there are only two daycare centers and/or CPEs in the town of Sutton, and that both have imposing waiting lists;
- The current construction of 18 subsidized cooperative housing units for families with at least one dependent child who will settle in Sutton by the end of 2023;

CONSIDERING that the CSSVDC's decisions will have a short-, medium- and long-term negative impact on the quality of education in Sutton;

CONSIDERING that Sutton's bilingual school enjoys a reputation for excellence that extends beyond the municipality, and that its achievements are a testament to the richness of its living environment;

CONSIDERING that the Town of Sutton has a bilingual status and that the school is an inclusive living environment that fosters the learning of the French language among young English-speaking people, thus bringing the French-speaking and English-speaking communities closer together;

CONSIDERING that the Town of Sutton is implementing a residential development strategy to welcome young families;

CONSIDERING that the Town favors the development of affordable real estate projects in the village core and that excellence in education and school services is at the heart of the success of this economic development strategy;

CONSIDERING resolution 2023-06-213 of the Town of Sutton;

THEREFORE

Moved by Wesley Patch

Seconded by Larry Royea

AND RESOLVED

TO SUPPORT the mobilization of the Town of Sutton, the Governing Board and parents of Sutton School students to demand a review of the decisions made by the Centre de services scolaires du Val-des-Cerfs.

TO REQUEST a meeting between the Town of Sutton and the Director General of the Centre de services scolaires du Val-des-Cerfs to review the decisions made in light of the objections of the main parties involved, primarily the parents concerned.

TO ALERT the decision-making bodies of the Ministère de l'Éducation of the negative impact of these decisions on the population of Sutton and the surrounding area.

TO SEND a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Education, the Minister responsible for Sport, Recreation and Outdoors and MNA for Brome-Missisquoi, the Town of Sutton and the mayors of the municipalities bordering the Town of Sutton that benefit from the Sutton School, namely the mayors of Abercorn, Brome, Dunham, Frelighsburg and Brome Lake.

ADOPTED unanimously

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**8.5**

**ADOPTION – NO PARKING – BROME FAIR  
Resolution 2023-238**

WHEREAS the By-Law #100 concerning the parking on municipal roads during special events states that the municipal council may designate any event a special event by resolution and therefore adopt any temporary no parking regulations;

WHEREAS Brome Fair is planned to take place from September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup> , 2023;

THEREFORE

Moved by Michael Allnutt

Seconded by Wesley Patch

AND RESOLVED

- TO prohibit street parking on Stagecoach Road and Jackson Road during this designated special event;
- TO authorize the installation of temporary road signs in accordance with this resolution;
- TO appoint the Surete du Québec to issue summons, order the removal of any vehicle stopped or parked on the designated roads as well as tow vehicles, at the owner's expense;
- TO confirm that the appointed entity has the authority to tow any vehicle stopped or parked on the designated roads to a place designated by the appointed entity at the owners expense;
- TO authorize the Director General and Clerk-Treasurer to give all necessary instructions and sign all documents to this effect.

ADOPTED unanimously

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**8.6**

**AUTHORIZATION – INSTALLATION OF ROAD SIGNS – BROME FAIR 2023  
Resolution 2023-239**

CONSIDERING the Brome Fair event planned on the territory of the municipality from September 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023;

CONSIDERING the request for authorization from the event organizers to install road signs to facilitate access for visitors and ensure the smooth flow of traffic;

THEREFORE

Moved by Lisa Belanger

Seconded by Wesley Patch

AND RESOLVED

That the council of Brome Village authorizes the installation of road signs as described in the email dated August 2<sup>nd</sup>, during the 2023 Brome Fair and to inform the organizers of the event that the signs must be removed within one week after the end of the Fair.

ADOPTED unanimously

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**8.7**

**AUTHORIZATION – BROME FAIR 2023 BY-LAW NUMBER 145-12  
Resolution 2023-240**

CONSIDERING the Brome Fair event planned on the territory of the municipality from September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023;

CONSIDERING the request for authorization from the organizers of the event to benefit from an extension of the time limit otherwise applicable under by-law number 145-12 concerning nuisances;

THEREFORE

Moved by Michael Allnutt  
Seconded by Larry Royea  
AND RESOLVED

That the council of Brome Village authorizes the holding of the Brome Fair 2023 and extends the hours provided for in section 19 of said by-law to 12:00 a.m. from September 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

ADOPTED unanimously

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**8.8**

**AUTHORIZATION – SIGNATURE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT RECREATION  
SERVICES COWANSVILLE  
Resolution 2023-241**

WHEREAS the inter-municipal agreement for recreational services and culture expires on August 31, 2023;

WHEREAS a proposal to renew the agreement has been received from the city of Cowansville;

WHEREAS the municipality of Brome Village must accept by resolution the renewal of the agreement on recreation and culture with the city of Cowansville;

THEREFORE

Moved by Lisa Belanger  
Seconded by Larry Royea  
AND RESOLVED

To authorize the renewal of the intermunicipal agreement for a period of one (1) year, namely 2023-2024.

ADOPTED unanimously

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**8.9**

**CONTRACT WITH ENVIRO CONNEXIONS - PROCESSING OF RECYCLABLE  
MATERIALS  
Resolution 2023-242**

WHEREAS Enviro Connexions has submitted an over-the-counter contract;

WHEREAS the contract confirms the terms and conditions between Enviro Connexions and Brome Village for the sorting and processing of recyclable materials from the recycling collections;

WHEREAS the duration of this agreement is for a one-year term starting January 1, 2024. In the event of a delay the implementation of Le Programme de responsabilité élargie des producteurs (REP), the annual renewal option will be automatically applied if no notice of more than ninety (90) days has been given to service providers.

The rate for processing recyclable materials will be \$135 per metric ton, plus taxes. Processing will be billed monthly directly to the Municipality, based on actual tonnage and payment of these charges will be due each month. Recovered materials will become the property of the sorting center. An increase of \$5 per metric ton will be applicable on renewal.

THEREFORE

Moved by Wesley Patch

Seconded by Pat Panasuk

AND RESOLVED

TO authorize the Director General Clerk-Treasurer to act on behalf of the municipality, to give all necessary instructions and sign all documents concerning the over-the-counter contract with Enviro Connexions.

ADOPTED unanimously

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## 8.10

### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

In compliance with the Act respecting land use planning and development, and as mentioned in the public notice regarding the demolition of immovables, a period has been set aside for the public to ask questions or make comments.

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## 8.11

### **ADOPTION OF BY-LAW 216-23 CONCERNING THE DEMOLITION OF PROPERTIES Resolution 2023-243**

WHEREAS the enabling power for the adoption of a by-law governing the demolition of immovables is found in sections 148.0.1 to 148.0.26 of the Act respecting land use planning and development (R.L.R.Q., c. a-19.l);

WHEREAS the Act to amend the Cultural Heritage Act and other legislative provisions adopted on March 25, 2021 brings several changes to the municipal sector, particularly with regard to demolition control, protection of immovable heritage and building maintenance plans;

WHEREAS the objectives of the Cultural Heritage Act are to promote the knowledge, protection, enhancement and transmission of cultural heritage, reflecting the identity of a society, in the public interest and with a view to sustainable development;

WHEREAS the municipal council wishes to regulate the demolition of immovables on the territory of Brome Village;

WHEREAS the purpose of By-law #216-23 concerning the demolition of immovables is intended to ensure the control of the demolition of any immovable concerned by prohibiting demolition, unless the owner has first obtained a certificate of authorization to that effect;

WHEREAS this by-law represents an instrument of choice to ensure the protection of built heritage and the proper reuse of cleared land;

WHEREAS this by-law does not contain a provision specific to a by-law subject to referendum approval;

WHEREAS at the regular meeting of June 5, 2023, a notice of motion of By-law #216-23 was duly given and the draft by-law tabled;

The municipal council decrees as follows:

Moved by Wesley Patch  
Seconded by Larry Royea  
AND RESOLVED

TO ADOPT By-law #216-23 concerning the demolition of buildings.

ADOPTED unanimously

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**9**  
**FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

**9.1**  
**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**  
**JULY 2023**  
**Resolution 2023-244**

Moved by Larry Royea  
Seconded by Wesley Patch  
AND RESOLVED THAT:

The payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$49 435.93 be and is hereby approved.

Supplier	Description	Amount
Benoit Jean	General maintenance & pressure washing park fence	458.00
Enviro Connexions	Treatment recycling	336.20
Gestim	Municipal inspection from June 25 to July 22	2 118.71
Mégaburo	Meter reading photocopier	65.53
Municonseil	Professional fees	4 319.13
Nivelage MC	Re-surfacing of Mullarkey Road	24 087.28
Nivelage MC	Re-surfacing of Morin Hill	18 051.08
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$49 435.93</b>

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**9.2**  
**ACCOUNTS PAID**  
**JULY 2023**  
**Resolution 2023-245**

Supplier	Description	Amount
BCAS	Rent & cleaning for July	718.59
Dion, Roger & Fils	Final acceptance payment (Draper Road)	5 835.19
Ent Raymond Cherrier	Garbage, recycle, compost collection and transport	4 623.80
Monthly remuneration of elected officials	July remuneration	2 039.61
Monthly remuneration of Director General	July salaries	3 119.12
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAID</b>		<b>\$12 668.37</b>



Supplier	Description (Direct debit)	Amount
Cogeco	Telephone, fax and internet	206.54
BMO Mastercard	Microsoft monthly subscription & fees	71.97
DFS Insurance	Group insurance	464.66
Hydro Québec	Street lighting	156.19
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAID</b>		<b>\$899.36</b>

ADOPTED unanimously

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**10  
OTHER BUSINESS**

1. The mayor and director general met with the SQ, the Sutton Fire Department and Cambi (ambulance) concerning the security measures for Brome Fair.

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**11  
SECOND QUESTION PERIOD**

1. A resident asked why the government wants to cancel the Pre-K program in Sutton School

**ANSWER** (mayor Miller's response): A governmental decision that was proposed by the Centre de services scolaires du Val-des-Cerfs.

2. A resident asked what happened at 323 Stagecoach and what will be the next step

**ANSWER** (mayor Miller's response): There was a house fire and we are not aware as of yet what the next step will be. It's in the insurance hands.

3. A resident asked if Heritage Park will be closed during the Fair

**ANSWER** (mayor Miller's response): Yes, it will be blocked so that no vehicles will be allowed to enter.

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**12  
ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING  
Resolution 2023-246**

Moved by Larry Royea  
Seconded by Michael Allnutt  
AND RESOLVED THAT:

The meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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William Miller  
Mayor

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Gail Côté  
Director General and Clerk Treasurer